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DTES slums on council's cleanup list

CODE Landlords who operate run-down hotels in the Downtown Eastside may soon be legally compelled to bring their buildings up to code or be fined.

City council is expected to vote on a motion this afternoon recommending using legal injunctions to clean up three slum buildings — including the Balmoral hotel, which is owned by the Sahota family.

"Our inspectors have been in many times and have issued many orders and we have not had compliance," said Coun. Tim Stevenson.

"(With an injunction), if they decide not to get the work done as ordered, then they're in contempt of court and could be fined."

Stevenson said it's not a matter of aesthetic upgrades, but that the buildings are unsafe and pose health risks.

"The Balmoral is a matter of the elevator not working and has not been working for some time," he said. "We've had other buildings where the balconies were just falling off … A lot of them have rats and bed bugs."

He said the three buildings are some of the most run down in the city.

"This is very significant because it's never been done before," Stevenson said. "My hope is landlords will understand that we really mean business and … others will come into compliance." KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

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AFN Vote for national chief goes past third ballot

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Chief Shawn Atleo, left, from the Ahousaht First Nation in British Columbia and Chief Perry Bellegarde from Little Black Bear First Nation in Saskatchewan are locked in a title battle in the election of the new national chief at the Assembly of First Nations annual meeting in Calgary, yesterday. After three ballots only one vote separates the two contenders. Coverage, page 4.

Council OKs 'mortgage helpers' in the sky

Availability, affordability expected to rise with condos within condos

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Secondary suites within high-rise condominiums the size of a five-ton truck are coming to Vancouver.

In a move to increase the city's rental stock and home affordability, city council approved Tuesday night the development of secondary suites within suites.

Vancouver architect Michael Geller, who pioneered the idea in the UniverCity development at Simon Fraser University, said people should think of them as "basement suites" or "mortgage helpers" in the sky.

Just as basement suites allow people to purchase a larger house, Geller explained, secondary condo suites could enable homebuyers to purchase a three-bedroom over a two-bedroom condo.

It would also increase rental stock in Vancouver.

The suites have their own bathroom and kitchen area and can be as small as 280 square feet. Geller compared them to a hotel room with kitchenette.

That minimum size could be further "relaxed" by the director of planning down to 205 square feet if the developer meets numerous livability guidelines, like adequate lighting and storage space.

Sweet home

• Residential suites the size of this truck have been approved for Vancouver.

Vision Coun. Raymond Louie said the suites would allow families to "age in place," if they choose to do so.

Families could rent out the suite before they have children, expand into the suite when the family grows and rent it out again when their children leave the nest.

Louie said he expects it will be a year before the first development with secondary suites is built.

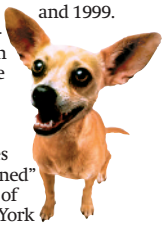
The city has previously approved secondary suites in the planned East Fraserlands development in South Vancouver.

Taco Bell's Gidget on her way to doggy heaven

CELEBRITY Gidget, the Taco Bell Chihuahua, has died after suffering a stroke in Santa Clara, Calif.

She was 15.

The tiny dog became a celebrity after appearing in the Yo Quiero Taco Bell ad campaign between 1997 and 1999.



She appeared on magazine covers, attended movie premières and "opened" a session of the New York Stock Exchange.

Gidget had no offspring and will be cremated.

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Schlecks bump Armstrong

FocusOn FirstNations

Metro Canada continues its focus on First Nations and Aboriginal news, community issues, arts and culture as part of a special series coinciding with the Assembly of First Nations convention ending today in Calgary.

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Canwest closing Victoria TV station
CHEK-TV in Victoria will be shut down effective Aug. 31, Canwest Global announced yesterday. The company is also taking CHCA-TV in Red Deer, Alta. off the air, in an effort to cut costs. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Via Rail trains cancelled

Via Rail has cancelled long-haul trains between Vancouver and Toronto to ensure passengers are not stranded if 340 locomotive engineers go on strike tomorrow. Passengers are being offered refunds or alternate transportation by the company. REUTERS

Some evacuees return to looted homes

FIRES All the remaining fire evacuees in Glenrosa and Rose Valley were allowed to go home yesterday evening, but some returned to find their properties had been looted.

At least 10 homes were robbed after being evacuated when massive wildfires broke out in West Kelowna on Saturday, CBC News Online reports.

Investigators have confirmed the Glenrosa fire was manmade and likely an accident, said RCMP Cpl. Dan Moskaluk. The cause of the Rose Valley fire is still being investigated.

Roughly half of the 11,000 evacuees got word on Tuesday they could go home, while the remaining residents were told they could return yesterday.

Officials had the fires 80 per cent contained by noon and expected them to be fully contained — though not extinguished — by nightfall.

People who live near Terrace Mountain — where are third fire is blazing — are still under evacuation order or alert.

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News in brief

ARREST Surrey RCMP have convinced a man who climbed about 100 feet up a tree and demanded to speak to a specific officer to get down. He was arrested shortly after.

DEATH An 82-year-old woman has been killed after being hit by a delivery truck backing down a lane in Maple Ridge.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Woman facing new trial gets bail

Parents of 16-year-old killed at Surrey SkyTrain station denounce decision

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A 27-year-old woman convicted of second-degree murder in the death of teenager Matthew Martins was granted bail yesterday, and will live with her parents while she awaits a new trial.

The victim's mother, Sandra Martins-Toner, clutched a photo of her son and whispered, "I can't believe this is happening" as the judge rendered his decision, then broke down sobbing.

Katherine Quinn and Robert Forslund were sentenced to life in prison in 2007 after the 2005 beating death of 16-year-old Martins outside the Surrey SkyTrain station.

Quinn appealed her conviction, and on June 12 she was granted a new trial.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

David Toner and Sandra Martins-Toner speak to reporters outside the B.C. Supreme Court yesterday.

Under the conditions of her release, Quinn may not leave the house or use the phone except for medical reasons, and she cannot contact Forslund, her boyfriend.

Quinn's defence argued that the bail terms were "more restrictive than jail," a claim that Martins' parents said was "ridiculous."

"How can it be worse when she's entitled to see her children … and I don't even get to spend a moment with my child," said Martins-Toner.

"My child died in a way no wild animal should ever die. Not only has (the criminal justice system) failed my child, but they have failed all of you. No one is safe now."

"I want to go home," she then whispered to her husband.

Second trial

- Katherine Quinn's second trial will likely start after the 2010 Olympics because police witnesses may not testify during the Games.

Minister promotes mandatory drug sentences

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CRIME Federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson was in Vancouver yesterday to drum up support for a bill that would impose mandatory sentences for drug producers and traffickers.

"Illicit drug production is the No. 1 source of income for gangs and organized crime," said Nicholson after touring a mock grow-op at the fire department's training facility. The fake pot plants were green plastic bags sitting on bamboo stems.

"Drug labs and grow-ops … threaten the safety of B.C.'s neighbourhoods and particularly our children."

Insp. Brad Desmaris, of Vancouver's gangs and drug squad, said police find families with children living in grow-ops and meth labs about 30 per cent of the time.

Nicholson met with groups like the Vancouver Board of Trade to gain support for Bill C-15.

It has been held up in the Senate, which adjourned before the bill could be passed.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson tours a mock grow-op in Vancouver yesterday.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video Troubling questions arise in the case of four women found dead in a submerged car after rumours of arrests. Watch at **metronews.ca/canada**

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Mongolian reality show to spotlight Vancouver Island pre-built home
A Vancouver Island-designed and pre-built home will be the star of a prime-time reality show in Mongolia this fall, the province announced yesterday. In The Super House, a home will be built in Mongolia's capital of Ulaanbaatar over 12 one-hour episodes to assess the merits of wood structures. METRO VANCOUVER

Media fasting jars addicted students

Prof attempts to show classes how technology creates stress

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A professor at Trinity Western University has started a voluntary media fast to help students understand the anxiety caused by their addiction to social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter.

For the past two years, Robert Doede, an associate professor of philosophy, has offered bonus credit for ethics students who successfully abstain from video games, texting, television and social networking sites for a three-month semester.

"A lot of these students have grown up on this type of technology," said Doede yesterday. "Their whole capacity to socialize has been constrained and configured by these technologies."

About a third of his class attempts the fast, but most don't make it past the third week. Out of a class of 35, only about five finish it.

For those that do, the experience can be transformative in terms of understanding friendships and relationships, Doede said.

Hannah Jenkins, 21, a fourth-year English and communications major, said the media fast changed the way she uses media and how she communicates with others.

Since the fast, Jenkins, who was an avid Facebook user, has removed her Facebook wall and no longer pastes photos. She uses it only for messaging during school projects.

Doede compares the addiction to social networking to Vaudevillian plate spinning.

"They always have so many of those things spinning in cyberspace that were always creating anxiety and panic in the background of their consciousness," Doede said.

"This is letting some of those plates smash and looking at them and seeing which ones really matter to you."

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Vancouver firefighter Ron Delaurier at the Main Street fire hall.

Firefighter off to Afghanistan

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"Being a firefighter has made me a better soldier because the military is the same way."
Ron Delaurier

MILITARY A Vancouver firefighter is taking a leave of absence to serve in the Canadian infantry in Afghanistan this September.

Ron Delaurier, who will serve as a rifleman in an infantry company, said his training with fire services will be beneficial when he is stationed overseas.

"Being a firefighter has made me a better soldier because the military is the same way," Delaurier said.

"They will teach you drills for certain scenarios but nothing works like a drill in real life. You have to be able to think on your feet and work as a group."

While Delaurier will be serving with the army, his duties won't be restricted to patrolling and fighting. There will be a humanitarian aspect as well.

"We're there to help the people (of Afghanistan), to support them, find out what they need, help them with projects," Delaurier said.

"Whether it's rebuilding schools, roads, a village at a time, a city at a time, (we're trying to) get the trust of the people and to show that we are there to support them so they can move forward."

News in brief

HAIDA ART PIANO The world's first Steinway piano adorned with Haida art will be unveilled at the Vancouver Convention Centre this morning. The Art Case collection instrument valued at $500,000 will be sold to benefit the B.C. Lions Society for Children with Disabilities.

FIRE HAZARD Smoking in Vancouver parks is now banned after the Park Board raised the fire hazard rating to extreme. Residents are also prohibited from using barbecues.

HUNGER STRIKE Iranian-Canadian students campaigned outside the downtown branch of the Vancouver Public Library yesterday afternoon as part of a hunger strike to raise awareness of the violence in Iran.

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Skeena swim: 2 days down, 26 to go

DANIEL TAM
for Metro Vancouver

WATERSHED The Hazelton woman attempting to swim the entire length of British Columbia's second-longest river is doing well after completing her second day in the water — there are 26 more to go.

A video by camera crews documenting her journey show Ali Howard using the Skeena River's current to ease her swim while being careful to avoid dangerous rocks.

Howard is attempting the 610-kilometre swim to raise awareness of proposed industrial projects along the river.

Although not a professional swimmer, Howard trained for almost two months before hugging supporters and jumping in the water on Tuesday.

"I'm hoping my swim will help permanently safeguard the watershed from developments that threaten its ecosystem," she said.

VIDEO IMAGE SUBMITTED

Ali Howard in the Skeena River.

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Video game's not trash — it's a website hit
Toronto's civic workers' strike, which has left piles of garbage on streets and parks, has inspired a 29-year-old computer programmer to design an online rat-shooting video game called Trash Wars. The Trash Wars website had already received more than 1,000 visitors. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

His luck ran out

Barry Shell, of Brampton, Ont., won a Lotto 6/49 jackpot of nearly $4.4 million but didn't get to enjoy it for long. He was arrested outside the lottery offices in Toronto on outstanding criminal charges, including failing to appear and theft under $5,000.

Too close to call

Deadlocked race for national chief goes into overtime

FocusOn FirstNations

AMY GREGSON
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The election for the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations went into a deadlock last night with a single vote separating the two remaining candidates.

After a third ballot, Shawn Atleo was leading over Perry Bellegarde as both vied for support from chiefs across the nation at the 30th AFN conference being held in Calgary.

"I'm going to listen to my elders," Bellegarde said after the third vote. "I'm going to stay."

Atleo said he was excited and stressed the split vote doesn't mean the AFN is divided.

A 60 per cent majority is needed to achieve the leadership.

After the first vote, which Atleo led with 43 per cent support followed by Bellegarde with 29 per cent, the other three candidates, John Beaucage, Terrance Nelson and Bill Wilson, all withdrew and threw their support behind Bellegarde.

The second vote also ended in a deadlock.

TODD KOROL/REUTERS

Chief Shawn Atleo, front, from the Ahousaht First Nation in British Columbia reacts to the news of the second ballot with supporter Doug Kelly at the Assembly of First Nations annual meeting yesterday.

Final candidates

- Shawn Atleo is the British Columbia regional chief with the BC Assembly of First Nations.
- Perry Bellegarde was raised on the Little Black Bear First Nation in Saskatchewan. He has been elected grand chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, regional vice-chief for the Assembly of First Nations and is currently a councillor for the Little Black Bear First Nation.

Chief Charles Weasel Head said before the third ballot he would be surprised if a clearer gap emerged.

Weasel Head said caucusing among provinces during the time between the ballots is very important. This includes trying to make deals to sway chiefs to the other side.

Karyn Pugliese, an AFN spokesperson, said the vote could go on for a while and there will be no victor until someone withdraws or the 60 per cent majority is achieved.

Pugliese said what may start to happen is that chiefs will stop voting. This was seen between the second and third votes as 17 fewer ballots were cast.

Via to halt all but 2 routes if engineers strike

TRAVEL Via Rail is preparing for a possible strike by 340 locomotive engineers tomorrow.

Via said it remains in talks with the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference union, which represents the engineers.

The union told Via on Tuesday that it plans to strike at noon EST tomorrow if there is no deal.

Ottawa has appointed a mediator to assist in the talks.

Via has cancelled long-haul trains between Vancouver and Toronto to ensure passengers are not stranded. It is offering refunds or alternative transportation.

As the deadline advances, Via said it will cancel additional routes.

If engineers do walk off the job, Via will cancel all trains, with the exception of two routes run by a third party.

Via spokesperson Malcolm Andrews said the company hoped negotiations will resolve key issues around wages, length of contract, schedules and benefits.

Union president Dan Shewchuk was not immediately available for comment.

REUTERS

Busy lines

- Every week Via operates 503 intercity, transcontinental and regional trains.
- It links 450 communities across its 12,500-kilometre route network.
- Last year it transported 4.6 million passengers — the most since 1989 — and set a record of $299 million in revenue.

News in brief

TRADE Concerned at being shut out of city and state contracts by "buy American" rules, Ottawa said yesterday it was close to finalizing a proposal that would open up public procurement to both Canadian and U.S. firms. Trade Minister Stockwell Day told U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk that Ottawa's talks with the provinces are in their final stages and that he "anticipated having a proposal to share with the U.S. very shortly." The idea is to let firms from both sides of the border bid on provincial, state and city contracts, and not just federal jobs. REUTERS

Canada wants her out — after 22 years
After 22 years living in Canada, Fatima Desrosiers has been ordered to return to Brazil, a country where she has no ties and no longer speaks the language. At age 12, an adoption agency brought her to Canada from a Brazilian orphanage. She was never adopted or sponsored to become a permanent resident. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Feds give farmers tax break

Cattle ranchers being forced to cull herds due to costs

NATURE Weather-hit cattle farmers on the Prairies are getting a tax break from Ottawa.

The farmers who have been forced to thin their herds to deal with drought — or excessive rainfall — will be able to defer tax on some income from the sale of breeding stock, the federal agriculture department said yesterday.

A deep cull of western Canadian herds is underway as farmers cope with high feed costs and restrictive laws that have reduced exports to the U.S.

> **"It'll absolutely help maintain the viability of the herd."**
> Humphrey Banack

In central Alberta and west central Saskatchewan, the worst drought in 50 years has forced farmers to scramble to find pasture. In Manitoba's Interlake region, above-average rainfall has prevented many farmers from seeding feed crops.

Farmers in the worst-hit parts of the Prairies will be able to defer tax on breeding stock sales for one year, Agriculture Canada said. Those who have reduced their herds by 15 to 29 per cent can defer 30 per cent of income from net sales, while larger herd culls are eligible for deferral of 90 per cent of income.

"It'll absolutely help maintain the viability of the herd," Humphrey Banack, president of Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, an Alberta farmers' group, said of the tax break.

REUTERS

Is bankruptcy the solution for Air Canada?

AIR WOES What does the future hold for Air Canada?

Opinions differ on whether it will have to file for bankruptcy protection.

Air Canada, like many airlines around the world, is reeling from a steep drop in air travel triggered by the recession and a general reluctance to fly because of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

But Canada's largest carrier faces an extra measure of pain — competition with WestJet Airlines.

TODD KOROL/REUTERS
One analyst says long-term contracts hurt Air Canada.

Its domestic rival has a far lower cost structure than Air Canada and isn't saddled with a $2.9-billion pension fund deficit.

The core of Air Canada's dilemma?

Can it shrink its cost structure by altering long-term affiliate contracts, finding debt relief or cutting jobs?

Is bankruptcy the most effective way of achieving that goal?

For Jacques Kavafian, analyst at Research Capital in Toronto, bankruptcy is part of the answer.

Kavafian believes Air Canada is getting a raw deal in long-term contracts.

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Comment

Penguin pair young and the restless

Relating

I usually eschew celeb news in this column — that's what the Celebrity Buzz pages are for — but the breakup of Pepper and Harry, the San Francisco Zoo's famed gay penguins, seems momentous enough to merit an exception.

As the San Francisco Examiner reported earlier this month, Harry, after six years with Pepper, during which the two males hatched and raised an abandoned chick, has seemingly switched teams, taking up with Linda, a recently-widowed female, with whom he's started a family.

The jokes have been irresistible, predictable and a little heartless. It's hard enough to waddle through life under the constant scrutiny of zoo-goers without having to deal with the media as well.

Our species has reacted with all sorts of specious conclusions about same-sex marriage and other overstretched sociological metaphors. A conservative news site decided the split was evidence that nature preferred straight animals — as if Pepper's new love somehow trumped the old one.

Those who oppose homosexuality react, as you might expect, somewhat unfavourably to gay penguins.

On the web

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Penguins live about half their life on land and half in the water, so maybe they're just adaptable. Linda and her dear departed mate had two nests, so in penguin terms, she was a rich widow.

The anthropomorphizing continues ad nauseam. It's the nature of the human beast. We lock animals up in zoos to learn about them, in part because they seem so much like us — mating, eating and all the rest, but with much lower incidences of smoking, blogging and organized religion.

Penguins aren't people, and we know it. We're not really talking about the penguins. We're talking about ourselves, thinking in fables. Some very good, long-term relationships run their course, and that can bother the people outside them even more than the principals. When your favourite couple splits up, your relationship with them changes too, and like kids whose parents divorce, you've no say in the matter. If there's a third party involved, like Linda, they're an easy target for blame.

Nobody else knows what's really going on between any two people (or penguins). Even the lovers themselves may be desperately trying to understand it. And sometimes a penguin is just a penguin.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

5 prominent Aboriginal business leaders

InBusiness

If Clint Davis is right, First Nations businesses are about to soar. Davis, president and CEO of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, talks of "a huge blossoming of activity."

The aboriginal population is growing faster than other segments of Canadian society; land claims settlements have given aboriginals access to capital for investment and, because of that, more aboriginals have gone entrepreneurial. A federal study in 2002 concluded that aboriginals were starting small companies at a rate nine times faster than in the general population. A new generation of business stars has also grown up. Here are five of the most prominent:

FocusOn FirstNations

Blaine Favel, president and CEO, One Earth Resources Corp: A Harvard MBA and former Grand Chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, develops resource projects with aboriginal partners. Favel also chairs One Earth Farms Corp., which is investing $27.5 million in corporate farming on aboriginal lands.

Clarence Louie, CEO, Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corp: A straight talker who believes First Nations people should concentrate on creating jobs, the Osoyoos B.C. Band chief has built eight businesses involved in construction, forestry, vineyards, retail and golf.

Keith Martell, executive chair, First Nations Bank of Canada: Martell has headed the 13-year bank since its inception, tailoring services for the aboriginal market through six branches and three community banking centres. Assets have more than doubled to $253 million.

Mike Metatawabin, president, Five Nations Energy Inc: Metatawabin runs Canada's only First Nations-owned electricity transmission company.

Allan McLeod, president and CEO, Tribal Councils Investment Group of Manitoba: TCIG's investments on behalf of 55 First Nations include Arctic Beverages Ltd., a Pepsi/Frito Lay franchise and a health claims processing system, First Canadian Health Management Corp. McLeod oversees annual sales of more than $61 million.

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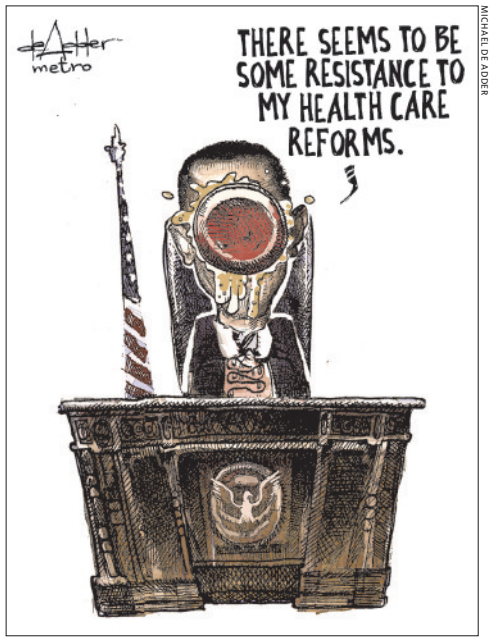

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Officials raid Jackson doctor's office 7

Officials with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration yesterday raided a Houston clinic owned by Conrad Murray, the doctor who was with Michael Jackson when he died. REUTERS

World

Clinton chides Iran

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sketched out yesterday how the United States might cope with a nuclear Iran — by arming its allies in the Gulf and extending a "defence umbrella" over the region.

Her comments drew an immediate rebuke from a senior Israeli official, who said the United States should focus on preventing Iran from going nuclear rather than talking as if this may be a fait accompli.

Clinton later said that she was not suggesting a new U.S. policy and reiterated that Iran possessing nuclear weapons would be unacceptable to the United States.

Speaking in Bangkok, Thailand, Clinton said crossing the nuclear threshold would not make Iran, which Washington believes is pursuing nuclear arms, safer. Iran says its nuclear program is meant to generate electricity so it can export more oil and gas.

Asked later at a news conference in the Thai resort of Phuket, where she is to attend Asia's biggest annual security meeting, to flesh out what she meant by a defence umbrella, Clinton said:

"I was simply pointing out that Iran needs to understand that its pursuit of nuclear weapons will not advance its security or achieve its goals of enhancing its power both regionally and globally." REUTERS

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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks during a news conference at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum in Phuket, Thailand, yesterday.

South Africa **Public unrest**

SIPHIWE SIBEKO/REUTERS

Protesters chant slogans in South Africa's Siyathemba township yesterday. Protesters hurled stones at police, who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets, after thousands marched through the streets over poor services and unemployment.

News in brief

NEGOTIATIONS The Honduran de facto government said yesterday it will send a mediator's proposal for the return of ousted President Manuel Zelaya to Congress and the judiciary. It was the first sign that the interim government might consider giving into international pressure to allow Zelaya to come back home after he was toppled in late June.

MILITARY China and Russia were holding a joint military exercise yesterday, with the drill seen as a chance to beef up anti-terrorism co-operation after the recent flare-up of violence in China's Xinjiang region between Muslim Uighurs and Han Chinese.

WAR Afghanistan is repositioning forces to the south after complaints too few are involved in major U.S. and British offensives against the Taliban, officials said yesterday, even as clashes erupted in the north. Two U.S. troops were killed by a roadside bomb in the south yesterday. REUTERS

French Socialist Party facing crisis

POLITICS France's Socialist Party, heir to some of the great figures of the European left, is fighting for its life, crippled by internal splits and leaving President Nicolas Sarkozy with no effective opposition.

Centre-left parties across Europe have been struggling in recent years. But the problems of France's Socialists, suffering from falling membership and lack of direction, are especially dire.

Things have gotten so bad that many of the party's own supporters are openly wondering if it would not be better to clean the slate and start all over again.

"The French Socialist Party is at risk of dying out," Manuel Valls, one of a generation of rising 40-something party cadres, wrote this week. Valls, mayor of the town of Evry, intends to run in the 2012 presidential election. He has proposed dropping the title "Socialist" to rid it of its 19th-century associations. REUTERS

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Apple profits beat forecasts, buoy Nasdaq

The Nasdaq rose yesterday for the 11th straight day, buoyed by solid profits from Apple Inc., while disappointing bank results and declining energy shares weighed on the broader market. Apple, up 3.5 per cent at $156.74 US, gave Nasdaq its top boost a day after the iPod and iPhone maker reported a quarterly profit that beat forecasts. REUTERS

Business

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Boeing **Profits take flight, but new plane still grounded**

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Garuda airline Boeing 737s park at Jakarta's Soekarno Hata International airport in this file photo. Boeing Co. posted a 17 per cent increase in quarterly profit, topping expectations, but did not say when its long-delayed 787 Dreamliner would fly.

Business **in brief**

OPEL Magna is still Germany's preferred partner for carmaker Opel, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said yesterday, setting the stage for a showdown with General Motors. Officials from the German government and GM discussed the three offers for Opel, which had been submitted on Monday, but failed to agree on which they liked best. GM has received offers from Magna and Sberbank, private equity firm RHJ International, and China's Beijing Automotive.

BANKS Wells Fargo & Co. and other major U.S. banks said the troubled economy drove big increases in loan losses, reducing second-quarter earnings. Yesterday's results provided fresh evidence U.S. banks still face a rough road. REUTERS

Suncor posts $51M Q2 loss

Suncor Energy Inc. sank into the red in the second quarter as skidding oil prices, hedging losses and costs related to project deferrals marred the last reporting period before it closes its $22.5 billion takeover of Petro-Canada.

Suncor, one of the largest Canadian oil sands producers, did make a profit. But the results were below expectations.

Suncor sold a higher proportion of lower-quality crude in the quarter, which was a factor in the weak showing, said Lanny Pendill, an analyst at Edward Jones. Increases in staff, royalty and tax expenses also played a role, he said.

Suncor lost $51 million, or six cents a share, in the second quarter, compared with a year-earlier profit of $829 million, or 89 cents a share.

Investors remain focused on the Petro-Canada takeover, which will create Canada's largest oil company. The Competition Bureau cleared the deal Tuesday after Suncor agreed to sell 104 gas stations. REUTERS

Shares up 0.2%

- The shares were up seven cents, or 0.2 per cent, at $36.27 on the TSX late in the session yesterday, recovering from early losses.

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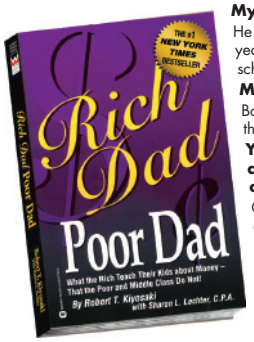
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Autos drive retail sector's sales jump

RETAIL Signs of life in the struggling auto sector led to a surprising jump in Canadian retail sales in May as consumer confidence rebounded broadly from a dismal April.

Statistics Canada said yesterday that retail sales rose by 1.2 per cent in May from April, more than doubling market expectations and offsetting April's 0.6 per cent decline.

Automotive sales were still down a whopping 16.5 per cent from May 2008, but they were up 2.4 per cent from April. Sales at new car dealers rose by 3.4 per cent from April, led by truck sales.

Building and outdoor home supplies, food and pharmaceuticals were other leaders. The rise in building supplies suggested consumers were taking advantage of the federal government's renovation tax credit. REUTERS

Sales

- Sales rose in seven of eight economic sectors charted by Statistics Canada, while the eighth, clothing and accessories, did not change.

One-third of Australia's curling rocks stolen

Fifty-eight curling rocks, more than one-third of the rocks in Australia, were stolen from a refrigerated truck sometime between June 16 and July 7 in a Melbourne parking lot, police say. Despite there being only about 150 rocks in the country, Australia is ranked 11th in the world in the sport. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Williams back in school

Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams, left, twice suspended by the NFL for positive drug tests, is using this off-season to attend a massage therapy school in a Florida strip mall, the New York Times reports. Williams has been interested in alternative medicine since Toronto Argonaut trainers used an alternative treatment on his broken arm in 2006. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Diving Despatie going for gold

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Alexandre Despatie, of Laval, Que., competes in the men's 3m springboard diving preliminaries yesterday at the World Championships in Rome, Italy. Despatie finished first in the semifinals ahead of today's final.

Schleck party spoiled

Brothers move past Armstrong, but can't catch Tour leader

Frank and Andy Schleck tried with all their might to shake the Tour de France peloton in the 17th stage but they could not topple leader Alberto Contador yesterday.

The Spaniard spoiled the brothers' party by sticking with them in the last two of five climbs on the final stage in the Alps, strengthening his overall lead with four days left in the race.

"Alberto has now won the Tour," his Astana team chief Alain Gallopin told reporters on the finish line.

The ceaseless efforts of the two riders from Luxembourg were not entirely in vain as Frank won the stage ahead of Contador and the brothers secured places on the podium before a potentially decisive time trial in Annecy.

"Alberto has now won the Tour."
Alain Gallopin, Astana team chief

Andy Schleck is now second overall, 2 minutes 26 seconds behind 2007 champion Contador and Frank is third, 3:25 adrift.

"We had nothing to lose at the start, we could only win. We took all the risks, it was make or break and I think we deserved to be rewarded," Frank Schleck said.

"We toughened the race on the Col de Romme, we attacked one after the other and the tactics worked perfectly," he added.

Frank Schleck dedicated the stage victory to his German teammate Jens Voigt, who crashed on the previous stage and was forced out of the Tour with a broken cheekbone.

"Contador had already proved how strong he is. He will be hard to beat, but we wanted to leave our mark on this Tour and I believe we did," said Andy Schleck.

If Contador resisted their repeated strikes on the demanding Col de Romme, climbed for the first time on the Tour, and the final Col de la Colombiere, it was not the case for two other contenders, Lance Armstrong and Briton Bradley Wiggins. REUTERS

Judge orders release of Coyotes sale info

PHOENIX The City of Glendale, Ariz., won't be able to keep its negotiations with potential Phoenix Coyotes owner Jerry Reinsdorf, or any other suitors for the team, as secret as it hoped.

It must be revealed whether the city has offered Reinsdorf any incentives to buy the team, a superior court judge in Arizona has ruled. Glendale wanted to keep such matters private, believing it would harm its ability to close a deal favourable to the city.

However Judge Edward Burke, ruling on a lawsuit filed by the Goldwater Institute, has declared that negotiation records must be disclosed by tomorrow, the same day that Arizona bankruptcy court has set as a deadline for bidders wishing to purchase the team to keep it in Arizona.

The Goldwater Institute is a conservative watchdog agency that is opposed to taxpayers' money being used for private businesses. Its concern in this case is that the city of Glendale might be willing to give a new owner millions of dollars currently paid to the city for rent of Jobbing.com; in effect it would be a subsidy to keep the team in Phoenix. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Blue Jays outslug Indians

MLB RESULTS

Cleveland 6 **Toronto** 10

AT

BASEBALL Marco Scutaro hit a pair of homers and finished with a career-best four RBIs, as the Toronto Blue Jays outslugged the Cleveland Indians 10-6 last night.

Vernon Wells had a solo homer for the Blue Jays, who are 6-14 over their last 20 games. Alex Rios and Aaron Hill also had solo blasts in the win. Scott Rolen, Lyle Overbay and Adam Lind drove in a run each for Toronto.

Ricky Romero (8-4) got the win after throwing 5⅓ innings and yielding four runs on six hits. He is now 6-2 in eight home starts. METRO NEWS SERVICES

NHLPA denies banning Germans from training camp

HOCKEY The NHL players' association denied yesterday it had forced German ice hockey players to miss a pre-Olympic training camp because of concerns they would not be adequately insured in case of injury.

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Eight German NHL players signed up for this week's four-day camp, but the German federation said they could not attend because the NHL and NHLPA had insisted at "very short notice" that their players' multi-million dollar contracts were properly insured.

The camp is the start of the team's preparations ahead of the Vancouver Winter Olympics in February. REUTERS

Sports in brief

ROETHLISBERGER Police in Nevada said yesterday they have no plans on opening an investigation into allegations that Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger raped a Canadian woman at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino a year ago. An official said a criminal complaint would have to be filed in order to trigger an investigation.

CANUCKS The Vancouver Canucks signed defenceman Mike Funk of Abbotsford and forwards Tanner Glass and Guillaume Desbiens to NHL contracts yesterday.

GOLF After coming within an eight-foot putt of besting all the top young pros at last week's British Open and becoming golf's oldest major champion, Tom Watson will be competing at the Senior British Open when play starts today.

SOCCER FIFA fined Ivory Coast's football federation $51,800 yesterday after 22 people died in a stampede at a World Cup qualifying match in March. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Summer Fun

Dino-mite!

Catch Dinosaurs Unearthed at Metropolis until Sept. 20. Skeletal displays of prehistoric creatures include a T-Rex. For more, go to metropolisatmetrotown.com.

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Market reinvented

DANIEL TAM
for Metro Vancouver

A Richmond parking lot kept empty most of the year transforms into one of the most popular attractions in the Lower Mainland between May and October.

The Summer Night Market in Richmond has become an annual tradition for locals and tourists, and its popularity has been growing steadily since it opened under a new organization last year.

The lot, located on Vulcan Way behind the Home Depot, belonged to the Richmond Night Market before the Summer Night Market took over.

Paul Cheung, director of operations for the Summer Night Market, said the market has been reinvented.

Cheung has promoted the event to a variety of new vendors, including modelling and casting agencies, stalls that sell African merchandise and massage therapists, among others.

"It's not just about similar products," said Cheung. "In markets in Hong Kong, you walk down a few stalls and find pretty much the same stuff. Here there's a lot of good variety."

The market is being promoted to a wide range of cultures, including festivals that cater to the East Indian, Filipino and Caribbean communities.

"We are able to group a bunch of performers and create mini festivals within the night market," said Cheung.

"Hopefully we can make it a known special events site like the Plaza of Nations Downtown."

The food stalls that serve cuisine from Asia to the Middle East are still around.

Visitors know that some of the food that is served at the market is hard to find anywhere else in the city.

"People know that when the market opens, they can only find the food here," said Cheung. "Once it shuts down, they have to wait another year."

The continual growth of the market has Cheung ecstatic about the possibilities for the future.

"We want to create another Granville Island type of atmosphere," he said.

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The Summer Night Market, located on Vulcan Way in Richmond, draws up to 30,000 people on a busy night.

PNE set to begin its countdown to 100

KARL YU
for Metro Vancouver

The Pacific National Exhibition is a summer-time staple in the Lower Mainland and this year's fair promises to bring back the old and introduce some new attractions.

The PNE turns 100 next year and the fair will begin the countdown to its centennial with a new show, KABOOM! A Pyro Musical Spectacular.

The show will give a history of the fair — including visits from Elvis and The Beatles — and will feature what is being called an innovative projection and state-of-the-art lighting.

The Celtic Legends are set to make their PNE debut with hyperkinetic Irish dancing set to Irish folk music.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER FILE PHOTO

Thespians get acrobatic with Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book in the Italian Gardens at the Pacific National Exhibition.

Just like at Disneyland, there will be a daily parade but the new Toon Rock Parade will feature the likes of Garfield, Snoopy, Scooby Doo and the Tasmanian Devil.

The two-storey, 3,000-square-foot PNE Prize Home will again be up for grabs along with 13 cars, including a 2009 Lexus SC 430 convertible and a 2009 Toyota Highlander Hybrid.

The popular mini doughnuts will be available at the PNE.

Amongst the notable musical acts in the Summer Night Concert Series, performances by Tom Cochrane and Red Rider and En Vogue.

Usual events such as Superdogs and the West Coast Logger show as well as Safeway Farm Country will be back as well as the corndogs, cotton candy and the mini doughnuts.

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Nicola Lipman and John Mann in the Arts Club Theatre Company's production of Les Misérables.

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Dancers perform atop a float at last year's Pride Parade, which attracted about 500,000 people. The 2009 Vancouver Pride Parade starts on Aug. 2 at noon at Robson and Thurlow streets.

From music to theatre to street events

Something for everyone this summer

Theatre

ARTS CLUB THEATRE PRESENTS LES MISÉRABLES
When: Aug. 4-6
Where: Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, 2750 Granville St.
What: Les Miz, Victor Hugo's classic about ex-convict Jean Valjean, gets the Vancouver Arts Club treatment. Will be held over until Aug. 6.
Info: artsclub.com

VANCOUVER FRINGE FESTIVAL 2009
When: Sept. 9-20
Where: Granville Island
What: In its 25th iteration, the Fringe Festival offers a diverse offering of more than 400 theatrical performances from 65 groups, including Terminal Theatre.
Info: vancouverfringe.com

Music

MISSION FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL
When: July 24-26
Where: Fraser River Heritage Park in Mission
What: The 22nd annual festival will showcase a lineup of artists from around the world. Performers will be playing folk, world and blues music.
Info: missionfoldmusicfestival.ca

BURNABY BLUES + ROOTS FESTIVAL
When: Aug. 9
Where: Deer Lake Park
What: For the 10th year, fans of Blues music will descend onto Deer Lake in Burnaby to see the one-day festival that features legend Smokey Robinson this year.
Info: burnabybluesfestival.com

SAM ROBERTS BAND
When: Aug. 3
Where: Deer Lake Park
What: Part of the World Police & Fire Games, Sam Roberts will put on a show at Deer Lake Park with guests Mother Mother and Arkells.
Info: 2009wpfg.ca/blog/?p=294

Festivals

50 YEARS AT THE VANCOUVER MARITIME MUSEUM
When: Aug. 8-9
Where: Vanier Park
What: The Vancouver Maritime Museum has brought seafaring to life and 2009 will spell its 50th anniversary. Featuring a Maritime Festival.
Info: vancouvermaritime museum.com

6TH ANNUAL RICHMOND MARITIME FESTIVAL
When: Aug. 21-23
Where: 5180 Westwater Dr., Richmond
What: Taking place at the historic Britannia Heritage Shipyard, this festival will celebrate Richmond's maritime tradition with model boat building and knot tying.
Info: richmond.ca

Art

B.C. CULTURAL CRAWL
When: Aug. 1-31
Where: Various
What: Take yourself on an exploration of a number of community-driven arts events, including museum and heritage exhibitions and music and dance performances.
Info: art-bc.com/bc-cultural-crawl.php

BRITANNIA COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS ARTFUL SUNDAYS
When: Aug. 9 to Sept. 6
Where: Napier at Commercial
What: The community centre near Commercial Drive will hold its visual arts, multimedia market featuring photos, crafts and paintings for sale.
Info: britanniacentre.org/

Exhibits

RETURN OF THE FIRST EMPEROR
When: July 24 to Aug. 30
Where: Aberdeen Centre, 4151 Hazelbridge Way, Richmond
What: An exhibit featuring China's first emperor Qin Shihuang, and his two crowning achievements — the terracotta warriors and the Great Wall of China.
Info: aberdeencentre.com/en/activities.php

Sports

CHICKS WITH STICKS LADIES CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
When: Aug. 11
Where: Greenacres Golf Course, No. 6 Road, Richmond
What: Presented by Boston Pizza, proceeds from this women's-only Best Ball tournament will benefit the Kids Help Phone, which provides phone counselling for children.
Info: kidshelpphone.ca

CANADIAN TRACK CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
When: Aug. 24-30
Where: Harry Jerome Sports Centre, 7564 Barnet Highway
What: Track cyclists of all skill sets and ages will descend upon the Burnaby Velodrome Club at the Harry Jerome Sports Centre for this championship event.
Info: burnabytracknationals.com

Street Events

GASTOWN 5TH ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW & SHINE
When: Aug. 16
Where: Gastown area
What: Water Street between Carrall and Richards Street and Gastown will be a motorcycle-only zone for the city's "largest free motorcycle show."
Info: bccom-bc.com

Fairs

PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION 2009
When: Aug. 22 to Sept. 7
Where: PNE Fairgrounds
What: In its 99th year, the fair has various attractions.
Info: pne.ca/index.htm

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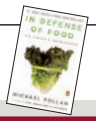

Eater's Manifesto bestselling in Canada

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan topped last week's bestselling cookbooks list at Amazon.ca. Gordon Ramsay's Healthy Appetite came in second and The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals came in third. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

On Cooking with the Wolfman, discover how North American Bison is fused with exotic spices, Cholent is slow-cooked, Fricasse of Rabbit can have a twist and Chick Pea Curry is served with traditional game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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David Wolfman

The show is broadcast nationally on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network. For information about the seventh season, visit cookingwiththewolfman.com

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Food from the native tongue

Chef David Wolfman cooks up own brand of fusion cuisine

FocusOn FirstNations

David Wolfman — a descendant of the Lillooet band, Xaxli'p Nation — grew up in Toronto. He observed cooking skills from his mother at a very young age and was mesmerized at the fascinating stories and legends that his mother would share.

Wolfman later decided to focus his education in cooking at George Brown College in Toronto, through the apprenticeship program, and would later fuse his international culinary techniques with the traditional foods that he was exposed to. In 1992 he opened an Aboriginal Fusion catering company named Lillooet Catering.

In 1994, he developed and taught an Aboriginal Cuisine program at George Brown College and in 1999 he wrote and hosted Cooking with the Wolfman, which airs nationally on The Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN).

In season seven of the show, Wolfman shares his Aboriginal Fusion recipes (traditional foods with a modern twist), now with an international flare.

Wolfman is currently a professor at George Brown College and can be reached at david@cookingwiththewolfman.com.

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Cholent was traditionally slow-cooked overnight.

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Garlic and Thyme Knishes.

Garlic and Thyme Knishes

INGREDIENTS:

Dough:
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 ts baking powder
- 1/4 ts salt
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup oil
- ¾ cups water

Potato Filling:
- 4 large potatoes; cooked mashed
- ¼ lb chicken fat; melted
- 1 egg
- 1 onion; minced and browned
- 2 heads garlic, roasted in foil
- 1 tsp fresh thyme chopped
- 1 tb oil
- 1/2 ts salt
- 3 eggs for egg wash

METHOD:

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt into a bowl. Beat egg, oil, and water and add to the flour mixture. Knead lightly until dough is soft; it will be slightly oily but not sticky. Cover and set in a warm place for 1 hour.

To make filling, combine all ingredients and mix well. Divide dough in half and roll as thin as possible into a rectangle. Spread the filling on long side of the dough and roll like a jelly roll. Cut into 1-in. slices.

Pull ends of the dough over the filling and tuck into the knish to form small cakes. Brush with egg wash and place on a well-greased baking sheet. Bake in a 375 degree F. oven until brown.

Cholent

Aboriginal/Jewish Cuisine

INGREDIENTS:
- 3 medium onions, diced
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 lbs kosher beef inside round. diced
- 1 cup lima beans, dry
- 1 cup barley, rinsed
- 4 large potatoes, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced
- 2 sprigs rosemary, fresh
- 2 med carrots, sliced on a bias
- 2 quarts kosher beef stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

METHOD:

In a large rondue, sweat off the onion, remove and reheat pan, brown beef in small portions, remove and hold.

Deglaze pan with a bit of the stock, add the garlic and fresh rosemary, scrape sediment from pan, add more stock bring to a boil and add the rest of the beef, beans, potatoes and carrots. Preheat oven to 325 C. Let simmer for a while, add barley and the seasoning. Cover, bring to a simmer and then place in an oven-proof casserole dish and cover with lid.

Bake in the oven at 325 C until tender (approx 1-2 hours), remove let rest and serve with knishes ... mmm! (Cholent was traditionally slow cooked overnight.)

On the web

Global Peasant:
- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Visit metronews.ca/globalpeasant to read Diane's recipe for raw burgers.

LiquidAssets

Peter Rockwell

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That '70s fizz

Seeing Kiss live last week on their long-awaited tour of Eastern Canada got me thinking about all the other things from the '70s that have been able to make a successful comeback in recent years.

Liquid-wise, we've seen everything from the return of classic cocktails (like the martini) to rosé wines and anything made with the riesling grape. This year the beverage trend from the disco era seeing the greatest popularity upswing is the spritzer: The original mix of white wine and soda water.

Canada's Naked Grape wines have proved a hit across the country so a combination of carbonation with varietal fruit seems a natural progression. Both the **Naked Grape Chardonnay Spritzer (4 x 341 ml, $9.95 - $11.49)** and **Naked Grape White Zinfandel Spritzer (4 x 341 ml, $9.95 - $11.49)** keep to their wine themes but with a refreshing zing that tastes nice over ice.

Seagram's Tropical Lemon Lime Spritzer (4 x 341 ml, $7.95 - $11.04) adds effervescence to its blend of citrusy fruit juice and vodka to make a weightier, yet equally appealing, summertime quaffer. *Some products may not be available in all provinces.*

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It's movie night — why not Asian?

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Many hold that the closer a restaurant is to a movie theatre, the worse the food. It does often seem that some establishments use their enviable locations, be it waterfront or theatre-side, as a crutch to lure in unsuspecting or time-pressed diners.

Happily, there are some exceptions, and both of these happen to celebrate the cuisines of the Far East. After all, what could be better than a night of Harry Potter and honey-glazed pork?

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Signature Dish:
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Rating: ●●●½
Dinner & drinks for 2: $70

Red alert: This dining spot is located in the same building as the Scotiabank Cineplex. Despite the location, the food is better than most. Indian, Malaysian, Chinese, Japanese and Thai dishes skip across the menu like a bullet train. No fusion here, just a good sampling from key regions.

The Alaska roll ($8.75) was a smoked-salmon-and-cream-cheese concoction often called a Philadelphia roll at lesser establishments. Try the Dancing Godzilla version ($10.25) with tempura prawn and unagi sauce for extra kicks. Singapore-style rice vermicelli ($10.95) was a heaping plate of wok-fried noodles, barbecue pork, shrimp and egg. Shanghai pot stickers ($5.95) were juicy, tasty and meaty, but we were a little annoyed at only getting five wraps for the two of us. Requests for one extra wrap created consternation, so I wouldn't advise it. Malaysian fried bread ($3.25) with curry dipping sauce was great, if slightly greasy.

On the web

- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.
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Signature Dish:
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Rating: ●●●●

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Tuna tartare with taro chips at Wild Rice.

Dinner & drinks for 2: $75

Located kitty-corner from Tinseltown Cinema in Gastown, this little gem focuses on contemporary Chinese cuisine built on local ingredients. No dairy is used, and vegetarian and vegan options are plentiful.

The regular menu offers soups and share plates to choose from, or you can go with the summer special, two courses for $22 or three courses for $27. Won ton soup with Sloping Hills pork ($7) is a deep bowl of clear, aromatic broth, chopped chives and feather-light dumplings. Caramelized Qualicum Bay scallop ($13) comes with bamboo shoot and pea vine salad drizzled in a ginger soy reduction. Organic Oceans tuna tartare ($13) is worth ordering just for the taro chips that come with.

And don't miss dessert. My fave is the chocolate banana hazelnut spring rolls with fresh berries ($7.50). The key lime brulée with yin yang cookies ($7.50) is also pretty mouth-watering.

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Style

Spanish-inspired shades

Nails take a dramatic turn this fall with OPI's new Colección de España, 12 on-trend shades inspired by the colors of Spain. Colours include Here Today ... Aragon Tomorrow (pictured, far left to right), Pink Flamenco and Give Me Moor! The collection will be available Aug. 5 at professional salons and spas across Canada ($10.95). For a location nearest you, visit opi.com. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Old world meets new

First-Nation fashion melds the past with the present

JANINE FALCON
For Metro Canada

Perhaps in First Nation culture more than most, historical influences in modern design are about identity, preservation and celebration.

Ancaster-based fashion designer Angela DeMontigny (angelamontigny.com) works with traditional motifs and traditional materials such as suede, beads and leather hides, all of which pay homage to her Chippewa-Cree-Métis background and serve as a reminder to the world that the First Nations is more than old westerns. "It's a living, breathing culture," she says.

Signature DeMontigny pieces include fitted leather blazers, tiered goat-suede skirts and now handbags. Distributed in boutiques and galleries throughout North America and Europe, her work has received attention from media such as Flare, Chatelaine, Women's Wear Daily and CTV.

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Celebrities such as singer/songwriter Susan Aglukark, actor Adam Beach and actor/singer Tamara Podemski have worn DeMontigny's garments for events including the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

Manitobah Mukluks (manitobah.ca) is a Winnipeg-based company that produces high-end beaded and fur-trimmed leather and suede footwear. These are inspired by the mukluks and moccasins Métis owner Sean McCormick and his family wore when he was a child. "They're as close to being authentic as possible without being handmade," he says.

AYA Accessories sunglasses, $35, and Esme reading glasses, $60.

Angela DeMontigny Aspen Weekender bag, $545.

Read more on below ››

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Rubber soled for urban life, Manitobah Mukluks pieces are available at select North American boutiques (including New York City's Intermix) and in Europe. The line is also hitting the celebrity sidewalks on feet belonging to Beyoncé, Marisa Tomei, Kate Moss and Kate Hudson, and has appeared in magazines such as Vogue, InStyle and Elle.

Manitobah's biggest sellers are classic mukluks ($279 - $299). Designed to shape themselves around each foot (there is no left or right, as per tradition) They also leave a distinct footprint: the Vibram rubber sole features an intricate landscape design by Winnipeg aboriginal artist Heather Steppler.

First Nation art has also found its way to eyewear launching this summer. Reading glasses and sunglasses ($35 - $60) from AYA Accessories' Pacific Northwest Collection feature contemporary and playful designs by Corrine Hunt, a BC-based artist with a Kwakiutl and Tlingit heritage. Motifs include the Sun, which represents nourishment, truth and clarity; the Hummingbird, spirit bearer of good news; and the Wolf, the family protector.

"My appreciation for First Nations and indigenous art comes from growing up in Australia and Vancouver," says the collection's creator, Carla D'Angelo Taylor, who spotted Hunt's work at a gift show five years ago.

She and Hunt, who is primarily a jewelry and custom-furnishings designer, are delighted by early reactions to AYA's traditional-contemporary fashion fusion. "First Nations response has been amazing," says Hunt, adding that the idea was also to get the attention of people who wouldn't ordinarily seek out at First Nations art. An added charity component directs $2 from each sale to ONEXONE, which supports local initiatives including the First Nations Breakfast Program.

Manitobah Mukluks in black, $359.

RIGHT: A model displays Angela DeMontigny leather blazer, suede skirt and leather bag.

Vans with an Aboriginal twist

Newest to the First Nation fashion scene is Seattle-based Canadian expat Louie Gong (eighthgeneration.com).

Better known as a racial-identity activist, Gong, who is Nooksack, Chinese, French and Scottish, stumbled onto a budding career as an artist when he bought his first pair of Vans. "They were things other people had when I was growing up," he said.

An impulsive decision to personalize a plain grey pair with a Sharpie led to more orders for his on-shoe designs than he can handle, as well as favourable attention from Steve Van Doren, son of Vans founder Paul Van Doren, and Sam McCracken, Nike's Native American business manager. (A larger market than Gong's growing fan-base hasn't yet been identified, so there aren't any plans for mass production so far.)

"Merging traditional [Aboriginal] artwork with the pop-culture of Vans has really connected with a broad range of people," says Gong, who quickly switched from markers to more durable fabric dye and charges $200 per pair, including the shoe cost and shipping. "More than something aesthetically pleasing, they're an exploration of identity relevant for young people's lives."

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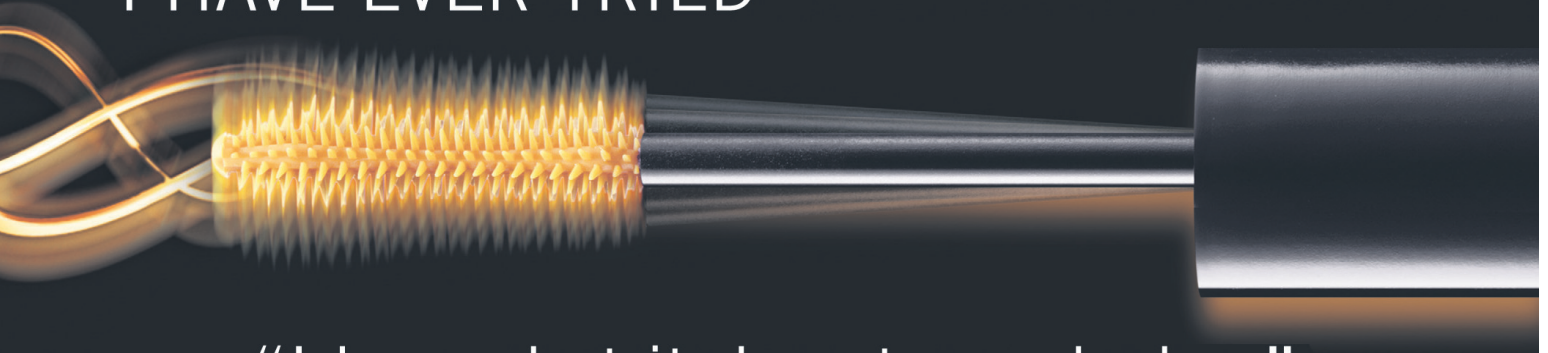

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Pook Mis Mask
Originally carved around 1880 for a Nuu-chah-nulth potlatch, this wooded mask was later modified to its current incarnation as the Pook Mis, a wood spirit. Price upon request, Out of the Mist Gallery, outofthemistgallery.com.

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"This is a living art form."
Thomas E. Stark, curator of Out of the Mist Gallery

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Home and native land

Eagle Paddle • Coastal Peoples Fine Arts Gallery
Although perfect for setting above a mantle piece, artist Kevin Cranmer, of the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation, shaped this yellow cedar paddle, with inset abalone shell and copper, to propel a canoe. $3,700, Coastal Peoples Fine Arts Gallery, coastalpeoples.com, 604-685-9298.

EMMA YARDLEY
for Metro Canada

While the influence of First Nations' culture on home decor can be found in gift shops across Canada, it is in their original artwork where we find its greatest presence.

"It creates a proud sense of heritage of our country," says Karl Lohnes, home expert for Canada AM, "What better way to display that than through the sculptures and furnishings of Native Americans?"

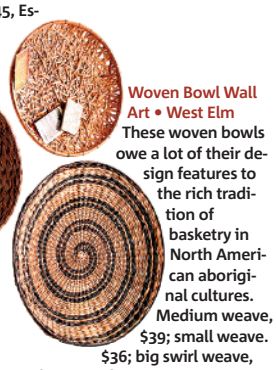
First Nations' art is heavily grounded in historical tradition, where every image has a meaning, a story or a practical use. It also shifts with the times, creating new art forms and methods of expression.

"This is a living art form," says Thomas E. Stark, curator of Out of the Mist Gallery in Victoria, B.C. "(It) has been changing long before the Western world came with its steel and trading posts."

Whether you choose to display an intricate traditional print on your wall or buy a set of painted mugs for the kitchen, know that you're supporting the rich and diverse artistic cultures of Canada's first peoples.

Rock Family • Eskimo Art Gallery
With its linear faces and large areas of untouched stone, this abstract style is typical of Nunavut artist Lucy Tasseor Tutsweetok, who has been carving for 50 years. $345, Eskimo Art Gallery, eskimoart.com, 1-877-364-6845.

Fisherman and Bear • Eskimo Art Gallery
Made from a polished caribou antler and mounted on a piece of bone, this carving tells a story about traditional life in the Arctic. This type of physical storytelling is the specialty of carver Jobie Crow Jr., who lives in Northern Labrador. $425, Eskimo Art Gallery, eskimoart.com, 1-877-364-6845.



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Suite Talk

Intimacy and serenity can be found in a new Surrey development that backs onto a wooded creek preserve of native trees.

The exterior of a Nuvo home is seen at right against the backdrop of a wooded creek. The kitchen, left, features stainless steel appliances and a dark motif.

Homes at Nuvo, which range in size from 1,769- to 2,002-square-feet, start at $390,900.

They are being built by two veterans of the industry, Qualico Development and Porte Development, and form an enclave of 43, three-bedroom townhomes, beside four acres of forest.

More than half of the homes back directly onto the greenbelt.

The development is located in South Surrey in Morgan Creek, just minutes from South Point Mall, Morgan Crossing, access to Highway 99 and White Rock's beaches and eclectic shopping.

Phase 4, which features high end finishing's such as hardwood floors, granite counters, stainless appliances, and Kohler fixtures, is now selling. For more information, visit nuvoliving.ca or call 778-294-1201.

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Thurman to play nun

Uma Thurman is set to play a nun in her new movie. The Kill Bill star has signed on to star in new indie drama Girl Soldier, in which she will take on the role of Sister Caroline who helped rescue 140 schoolgirls abducted in Uganda. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Smell like Amy

Amy Winehouse wants to launch her own perfume. The troubled singer and her father Mitch are keen to develop her "smoky" look and put her name on a fragrance. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Joseph Boyden

Native authors make waves

FocusOn FirstNations

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

In contemporary Canadian society, Joseph Boyden continues to see barriers between First Nations communities and the rest of the country.

Often more prevalent than seen through the eyes of non-First Nations people, said the part-Métis author, 43, their struggles continue to persist both on and off the reserve. But the Giller Prize winner believes writing is the perfect way to break down those barriers.

"You can put an audience in a place that they're not necessarily comfortable with but they want to explore with you," he said. "In Three Day Road and Through Black Spruce, I ask my reader to become my character, take this journey where they don't know where they're going, and live in those shoes."

First Nations people are breaking waves in Canadian literature according to Kamloops, B.C.-based author Richard Wagamese.

"That's indicated by Joseph Boyden winning the Giller Prize and the number of aboriginal writers that are coming along to publish for the first time," he said.

The 53-year-old Ojibway has published seven titles. Wagamese said he tries to embed teaching paradigms encompassing universal moral and ethical teachings. "I look for a context to frame it in that's probably not something you would ordinarily sum to in terms of aboriginal life. The challenge is always the context."

Sparks on the Battlefield

Jordin **Sparks**

Album: Battlefield
Label: Sony Music
Rating: ●●●○○

WHILE RIHANNA PLAYED the Good Girl Gone Bad on her last release, Jordin Sparks' latest could have been called Good Girl Remains Good. The American Idol winner's sophomore album offers little of the drama its title suggests. But what Battlefield lacks in tension, it makes up for in expert pop-R&B songcraft and production. Be it over slick, '80s-Madonna-inspired tracks like S.O.S. (Let The Music Play) or mid-tempo power ballads like Let It Rain, Sparks repeatedly proves why she won Simon Cowell and company over in the first place.

Jason Richards/for Metro Canada

Demi **Lovato**

Album: Here We Go Again
Label: Hollywood/Universal
Rating: ●●●○○

DEMI LOVATO'S sophomore disc is exactly what you'd expect from a Disney darling — it's vibrant, infectious and only for 14-year-old girls. For that Miley Cyrus loving demo, this is a superb disc. She's perfected the watered down Avril Lavigne, faux-anger sound to a tee, and naïve songs about boys will resonate with her coming-of-age crowd. This isn't a bad disc. It's loaded with rock hooks and Lovato's voice is solid. She has a bright future, once she breaks free from Mickey's shackles.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Music**Reviews**

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Our **Lady Peace**

Album: Burn Burn
Label: Coalition/Sony Music
Rating: ●●●○○

THE GOOD NEWS: OLP's Raine Maida drops all traces of his piercing aii-ee-iii-ee-iiis in his vocals and sounds more like a real singer. The bad news: The band cops copious amounts of atmospheric rock elements from the likes of Radiohead, Coldplay and U2 and converts it all into one package of formulaic, radio-friendly alt-pop. For a Canuck outfit that had been so close to separating with 2005's Healthy In Paranoid Times, album No. 7 gives the impression that OLP still craves some more stadium-size rock acceptance. But as Brit rock-wannabes? Aii-ee-iii-ee-iii!

Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada

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	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (CC)		So You Think You Can Dance		Q13 FOX News at Ten (N)		Family Guy
	-	364	29 PBS	MI-5 "Smoke and Mirrors"		Red Green	Being Served	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		This Old Hse.	Yankee Shop
	296	654	34 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Punk'd (CC)	South Park	Cheers (CC)	Half & Half	Paid Program	Family Court	Work Home
	298	653	35 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smallville "Bulletproof" (CC)		Supernatural (CC)		KTLA Prime News (N) (CC)		Friends (CC)
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	557	541	51 FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
	553	546	55 TRE	Big Comfy	Zigby	Max & Ruby	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Ni Hao	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Big Comfy
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	620	523	70 BVO	(6:00) Childstar ★ (2004) (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Without a Trace (CC)		Mediterraneo ★★★ (1991, Comedy) (CC)		
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	520	505	72 DIS	MythBusters (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Journey to the Edge of the Universe A tour of the cosmos.				MythBusters
	522	506	74 HIS	NCIS "Smoked" (CC)		Ancient Discoveries		Lost Inventions (CC)		NCIS "Smoked" (CC)		Marine Mach.
	627	528	75 SPC	Torchwood: Children of Earth		(:15) Stargate SG-1 "Threads"		Star Trek: Next Gener.		(:15) Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Torchwood
	294	650	77 TBS	Shanghai Knights ★★★ (2003) (PA) Jackie Chan. (CC)				Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:10) Cats & Dogs ★★ (2001) Jeff Goldblum.		
	619	525	78 TROP	Traders "The Unseen Lever"		Inside Hollywood		Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
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Private Practice

Addison (Kate Walsh) suspects that her brother Archer (Grant Show) is up to his old bachelor tricks even as he gets closer to Naomi (Audra McDonald). Dell (Chris Lowell) gets into a heated argument with Addison and Naomi over a patient's child who is born with both male and female reproductive organs. Violet and Sheldon (Amy Brenneman, guest star Brian Benben) co-lead a therapy group for couples. Tim Daly also stars in "Wait and See." 10:02 PM on ABC VI

Grey's Anatomy

Derek (Patrick Dempsey) has his confidence shaken as he and Addison (Kate Walsh) face off when they try to save the life of a pregnant patient. Cristina (Sandra Oh) challenges the abilities of a noted surgeon who botches a standard procedure. Bailey (Chandra Wilson) is shocked by the chief's (James Pickens Jr.) less-than-glowing recommendation letter when she tries to pursue a fellowship in pediatrics. Ellen Pompeo also stars in "An Honest Mistake." 9 PM on ABC

Model mom-to-be's ready

Actress and model Angie Everhart isn't one to procrastinate. "I'm completely prepared," she said about welcoming her first-born, a boy, who is due in eight days. "The nursery is done, the name is picked and I've even got a year's supply of Seventh Generation diapers." PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Love child rumours surface

LET THE CIRCUS BEGIN Michael Jackson is rumoured to have a fourth child, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Omer Bhatti, a 25-year-old Norwegian dancer, is thought to be the singer's child from a one-night stand in 1984, the website alleges.

Jackson reportedly admitted in 2004 that he was Omer's father, the website adds. Bhatti is now believed to be seeking a DNA test to determine if he is Jackson's son.

Bhatti has previously spoken about Jackson: "I have contact with Michael, and I think my loyalty to him is the reason we still have our contact. He is an unbelievably good human being." Bhatti also lived at Jackson's Neverland ranch home for several years from 1997, and video footage exists of him unwrapping presents with Jackson and playing with a toddler, believed to be one of Jackson's three children. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Angie shuts herself away

ON THE ROCKS? Angelina Jolie reportedly walked out on Brad Pitt following a furious argument last weekend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple allegedly had a huge row following their twins Knox and Vivienne's first birthday bash at their Los Angeles home Sunday.

According to sources, the 34-year-old checked into a room at the luxury Raffles L'Ermitage hotel after collapsing on the floor in a flood of tears at the party.

The actress has reportedly remained at the hotel — where her late mother Marcheline Bertrand stayed until her death in 2007 — and is refusing to take Pitt's calls. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Prosecutors drop Kiefer's assault charge

COURTS Kiefer Sutherland will not face prosecution for allegedly attacking a fashion designer, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 24 star was charged with third-degree assault after allegedly headbutting Proenza Schouler designer Jack McCollough in New York in May, but the case has been dropped.

Sutherland, 42, has also been cleared by the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, which was looking into the case, as Sutherland was on a five-year probation for a 2007 driving under the influence conviction at the time of the altercation. METRO NEWS SERVICES

GETTY IMAGES

Mischa's new gig at risk?

HIGH STAKES After a week in a Los Angeles hospital psychiatric ward, Mischa Barton now risks losing her latest gig on CW drama The Beautiful Life, according to the Sun.

Producers are said to be considering replacing Barton, who plays a supermodel, if she's not fit to film next week. METRO WORLD NEWS

Happy birthday to Lindsay

TOO MUCH INFORMATION Samanthan Ronson gave Lindsay Lohan sex toys for her birthday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who turned 23 on July 2 and has had an on-off relationship with the DJ for two years — was delighted with the satisfying gift, which Ronson handpicked herself, according to National Enquirer magazine.

A source said: "Samantha presented her with a gift guaranteed to create lots of buzz — a big, brightly gift-wrapped basket of sex toys selected by herself. She spent hours shopping Hollywood's erotic emporiums for the items." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jon's new girlfriend speaks

REBOUND Hailey Glassman's romance with Jon Gosselin came as a surprise — even to her, she tells People magazine.

Glassman, 22, says the 32-year-old newly single dad of eight kids — who is divorcing his wife of 10 years, Kate — is a longtime family friend.

She refutes rumours that she's engaged to Gosselin, but admits she's having a great time with her new beau, who recently rented a bachelor pad in Manhattan. "We watch movies, play pool and Ping-Pong. We laugh a lot because I beat him at everything," she gushed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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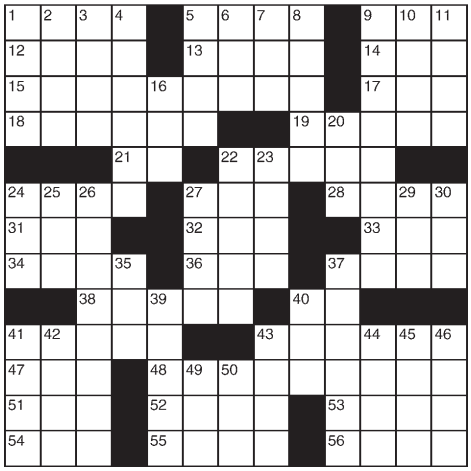

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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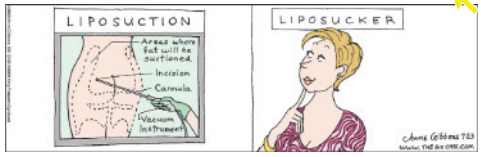

Metro Recipe of the Day

JENNIFER TIFFIN

Grilled Eggplant Side Dish

Submitted by Kirsten Ernst, Vancouver

submitted by a Club Member!

INGREDIENTS:

1 large eggplant
olive oil
1 cup good quality feta cheese
Juice of 1/2 to 1 lemon (to taste)
1 tomato, seeded, and diced
1/2 to 1 small red chili, seeded, and finely sliced (to taste)
1/2 cup mint, chopped (reserve small amount to sprinkle on top for garnish)
Salt and ground black pepper (to taste)

METHOD:

Preheat grill/barbecue. Slice eggplant, lengthwise, about 1/4-in. thick. Rub olive oil on each piece, both sides. Grill slices on barbecue, marking with crisscrosses, until just tender.

Place slices on baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Let cool. In bowl, combine crumbled feta cheese with lemon juice to taste, tomatoes, mint, salt and pepper to taste.

On each slice of eggplant, put approx. 1/4 cup of feta mixture, and roll up. Put all rolled slices in a row on platter. Sprinkle top with reserved chopped mint.

SERVES 2
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may be inclined to let a wrong-doer off the hook, but is that a good idea? It may just encourage others to believe they can take advantage of you too.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The stars convey that you can make yourself happy or sad — it's up to you which path you take. Look around you today and find reasons to be cheerful.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Make sure you say nice things about others today — even if you don't mean what you say — as then they're more likely to say nice things about you.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today, the influence of Pluto will bring out your ruthless side — but use it only when you really need to, and even then in moderation.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A new solar cycle has begun and you know it's going to be one of the best ever. But you don't have to do everything at once or cut corners.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
It's not like you to be controversial but you'll go out of your way to stir things up today. But take care not to alienate those whose support you need.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A friendship may be going through a rough patch at the moment but don't give up on it yet. You'll find lots of reasons to patch up your differences.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The more you worry about a situation the more likely it is to turn out badly. Be positive today. Change your thinking and you change your world.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Today you must resist the urge to splash out on things you don't need. That applies especially to gifts bought for those you have feelings for.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Capricorns know the greatest triumphs come from overcoming mighty challenges. Today you'll confront the kind of challenge you secretly enjoy.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone whose judgment you trust will try to convince you that their latest idea is a sure-fire winner. Don't be so sure. Say thanks but no thanks.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If your idea is a good one and if you are committed to it heart and soul you can make it work at any time — and there is no time like the present.

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